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Status Report on Agent Standbys
15 May through 14 June 1954

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Headquarters' Action Required

Comment on paragraph five.

Synopsis

All standbys are in good health and spirits.
All standbys left Athens for various Greek
islands for the duration of Tito's visit.

1. There are still seven OBOPUS standby agents on hand in addition to GASH.
2. The W/T standbys AIPUMP, AIRBLOWN and AIRWAY are staying at the "Lodge". They were seen on 17, 29 May and 10 June by [] [] They were told on 29 May that they would have to leave town during []'s visit which fact they received very good naturedly. They reported to [] [] on 31 May for removal to Paros and returned to the lodge on 9 June. [] [] paid their expenses on their trip on 10 June. AIPUMP complained about a rash on his leg and arrangements were made for [] [] to look at him on 12 June. The ailment was pronounced minor and medications prescribed.
3. AIRWISE and AIRBORNE were seen by [] [] and [] [] on 29 May and informed of plans for them during Tito's visit. They readily agreed to co-operate. [] [] offered to subsidize the travel of AIRWISE's father if AIRWISE desired, to take him along for a vacation. (AIRWISE's father had been exempted from having to leave by [] []). AIRWISE accepted the offer. These men reported to [] [] office for relegation to Tinos on 31 May. They returned on 10 June and were seen by [] [] on 11 June.
4. ENORDAIN and AIRSLACK were seen by [] [] and [] [] on 20 May. We discussed the subject of security and these agents were asked to slowly diminish the frequency of their visits to Albanian meeting places so that their departure

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on a mission would not be immediately detectable. ENOCHAIN stated that he was concerned over the possibility that AIRMONTY and WHELEPOY consider him responsible for their separation from OBTUS. [] offer to see them again and dispell any such notion. He also assured ENOCHAIN that everything possible was being done to effect their resettlement. [] and [] saw ENOCHAIN again on 25 May and discussed the Tito visit trip with him. ENOCHAIN readily agreed to co-operate. He reported to []'s office on 31 May with AIRSLACK for removal to Andros. They returned to Athens on 10 June. [] saw ENOCHAIN on 11 June and paid him for expenses incurred during his trip.

5. We regard all seven of these men as useful assets at this time although more of them have been definitely assigned to an operation. They have all, in varying degrees, proven their loyalty and operational value to OBTUS. We feel that they constitute a nucleus of reliable agents around which operations may be planned. Their maintenance amounts to \$560 per month. This includes subsistence and rent on a house for the W/T's where the gear necessary to keep up their proficiency can be securely maintained. We recognize this to be a substantial outlay for covering what might be termed operational contingencies. Furthermore, the necessity for maintaining contact with these men demands a considerable amount of time from our limited staff. For these reasons we are intent on keeping the number of standbys to a workable minimum. We will certainly further reduce this number if and when such reduction seems consistent with operational planning.

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